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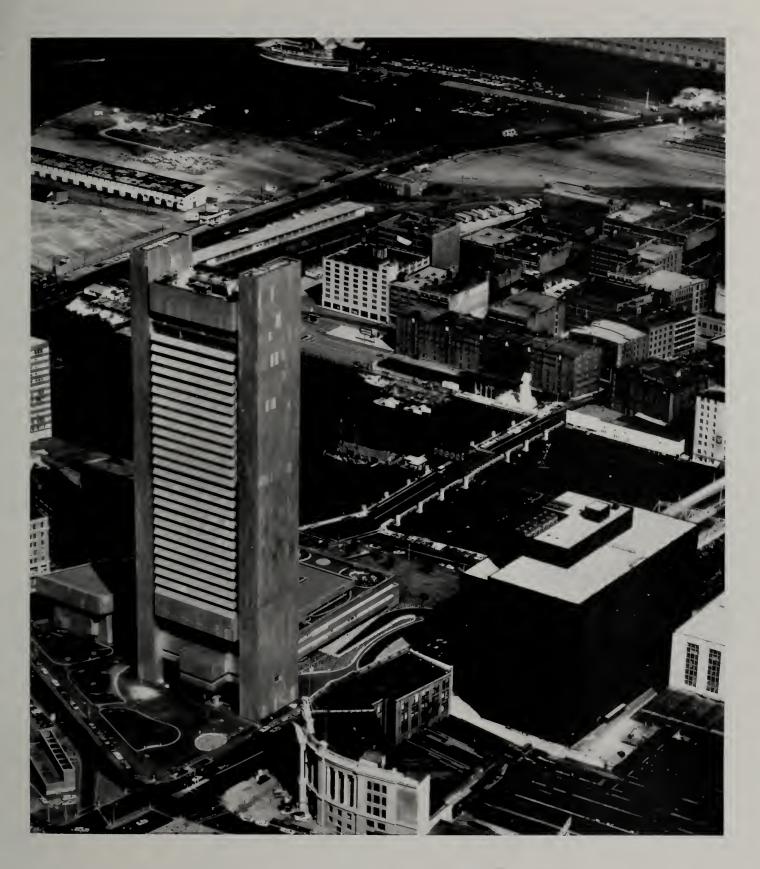
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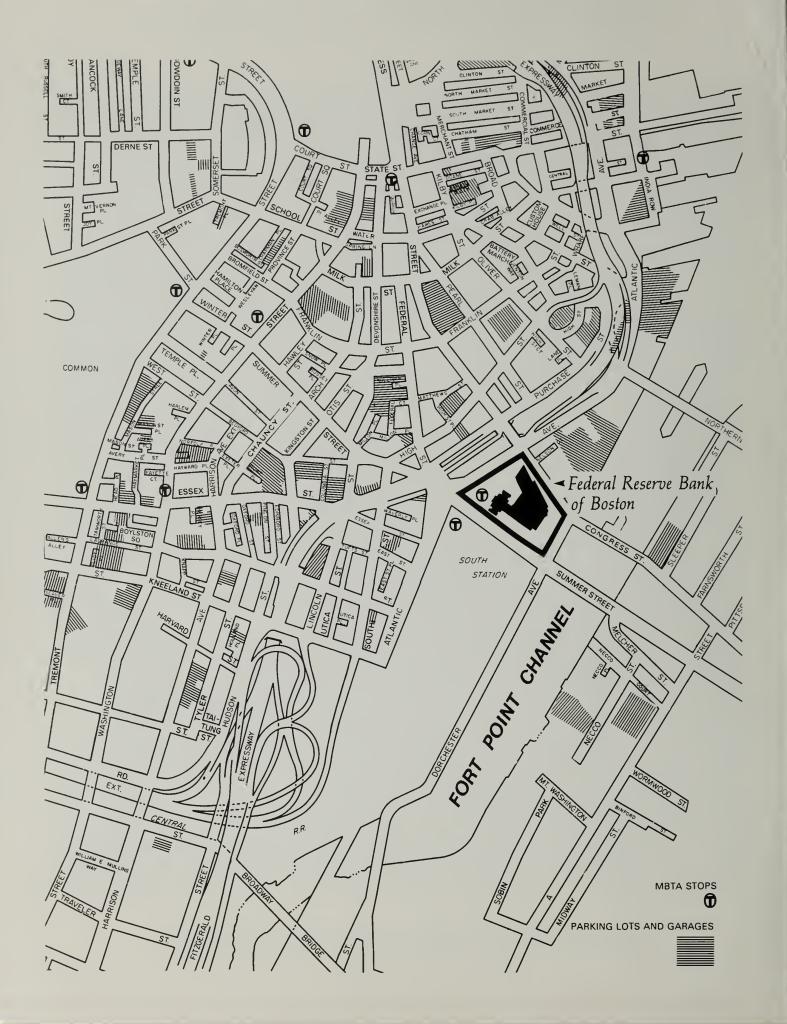
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Yetti Frenkel's "Portrait of Mr. Chin" and Becky Haletky's "West 14th Street."

A few works stand out in watercolor show

New England Watercolor Society
North American Open Show
At the Federal Reserve Bank of
Boston Gallery, 600 Atlantic
Ave., Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4
p.m., through June 24.

By Robert Taylor

The 1988 North American open show of the New England Watercolor Society – a national competitive exhibition – would not seem out of place in the Boston of 1938. It has a timeless quality. Nearly all the images are representational, the winds of abstraction blow gently in this quarter, and, while a commendable level of craft is sustained, the show of 71 aquarelles in general lacks a clear-cut emotional or intellectual attitude.

Watercolor, of course, is the medium par excellence of spontaneity, but the process of watercolor painting is not slapdash. If you're painting from nature, preliminaries usually involve a pencil sketch or photograph of the subject, establishing the massing of lights and darks. Then there is the equipment to arrange, the flat and

round bristle brushes, the paints and paintbox with its shallow depressions for puddling color, a sponge, knife, masking tape, container and support. Given the amount of time required to establish the image, if only in the artist's mind, the element of the spontaneous derives from the characteristics of the washes, the degree of wetness, the brushwork and the sparkle of the paper.

One of the problems in the society's display is an abundance of the illustrative; the images might as easily have been rendered photographically. Although there are perhaps too many visual cliches for comfort overall – placid harbors, tightly-painted barn-dappled landscapes, still-life setups paying stiff obeisance to the picture of plane.

however, stand cliche on its head. Thomas G. McNickle, who halls from the delightfully-named Wampum, Pa., through meticulous attention to values, makes fresh in "Pines and Holsteins" what otherwise might have been a visual bromide; Joan T. Boghossian observes a couple of deck chairs, puts them at right angles to each other, accentuates cast shadows and light filtering through striped canvas and cele-

brates the effects of direct sunlight; while Ruth Cobb's "Summer Afternoon" has a similar subject, a pair of chairs, sun and shade, but concentrates instead on the hazy refractions of the bouncing light.

The tensions of Donald Stoltenberg's "Machine Shop" and its spatial ambiguities, cylindrical shapes and flery red toncs capture the generalized atmosphere of an industrial interior. Jess Slater's manner, and it is not only the is handled in a firm, architectonic foreground that contrasts with lel to the plane, but the amorphous pearly winter light. Ruth Wynn's "Plow Sharing" has an exceptionally strong and original image. So does B. Chandler "First Snow," on the other hand the geometries of a building paral-Gorbe's "Anhinga Anhlnga," a decorative piece in which serpentine vertical tendrils rhyme with aquarelles, Deborah Rubin's "Ca-Among the numerous floral the Art Nouveau neck of a bird. lendine #2" stands out because of its varied treatment of difficult-to-

control greens.

Why then, doesn't the group itself make a greater impact? In part, because of the limitations of the competition. When everyone is

represented by a single separate watercolor, the result is a sort of pointillism. In part, because selecting from slides carries a number of built-in problems. (Slide color rarely corresponds to the tlonal watercolor competition source.) But mostly because a naought to tell us more about the status of the medium today. This is more than a matter of craft, it is mains one of the most exciting a matter of vision. Watercolor rerealms of visual thought, and viewers ought to experience the full range of its expressive poten-

painting. Like the 103-year ciety itself, they were do

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An In Memoriam segment of the group renders homage to three members who have died since last year's show. Glenn MacNutt's "House by the Tracks" declares the compositional strength he brought to landscape: June Dean's "Dry Dock," an evocative soft-focus aerial structure, conveys the poetic lyricism of her qua-





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Artist		Title	Price
1)	Murray Wentworth	Ice Pools	\$2,800.00
	Jack Flynn	Reflection	2,500.00
3)	Marian Steele	Ebb Tide	2,200.00
4)	Michael Sorrentino	At Portland Head	1,800.00
5)	Yvonne Shukovsky	October Memory	400.00
6)	Fran Scully	Hillside	1,500.00
	Harry Sealger	Burning Off	NFS
8)	George Shedd	Snow Drifts	1,000.00
9)	Betty Savenor	Sno - Drift	650.00
10)	Mary Jo Rines	Winter Woods	800.00
11)	Helga Raferty	Cymbidium	325.00
	Joan Plummer	The Blue Box	950.00
	Carlton Plummer	East Boothbay	2,000.00
	Nathalie Nordstrand	Deep in the Sugarbush	1,200.00
	Jerush Muntez	Morning Stroll	350.00
16)	Joanne Mead	Autumn in River Country	500.00
	Donald Mosher	Last Snow	1,200.00
	E. Mahoney	Quiet Light	900.00
	Henry McDaniel	The Coventry Bridge	2,000.00
	Wini Long	Autumn Stream	950.00
	Calvin Liddy	Spring Marsh Edge	800.00
	Frederick Kubitz	Summer, Boothbay Harbor	2,300.00
	Elynn Kroger	Interior Landscape	350.00
	K. Kandra	Two Ladies Two Times	1,000.00
	Nancy Howell	The Upper Lake	400.00
	Ronald McArdle	Connemara Stone	900.00
27)	Deirdre McCullough Grunwald		300.00
	Marcia Gibbons	Windswept	600.00
	Pamela Fox	He Restoreth My Soul	600.00
	Margaret Fitzwilliam	Windows and Doors	700.00
	Joan Dunkle	Emerging Spring	500.00
	Gracia Dayton	Fireworks	700.00
	Eugene Conlon	1750 Farmhouse	900.00
	Loring Coleman	His Mother's Window	2,800.00
	Evelyn Carlson	The Pennyweight	500.00
	John Boyington	Straw Seas	1,400.00
3/)	Mildred Bartee	Sunwashed	600.00

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38) Don Stone 39) Mary Ann Perkins 40) Audrey Bechler 41) Niki Baccus 42) A. Harris Zyla 43) Jerry Caron 44) John Neff 45) Lucille Davis Grimm 46) Ruth Wynn 47) Genevieve Wilhelm 48) Lucy Clark Winant 49) Eudoxia Woodword 50) Elaine Wentworth 51) Roberta Thresher 52) Patricia Swan 53) Bill Ternes 54) Marilyn Swift	York Conty Revisited Still Life With Birds The Carver Wrought Iron Mystic Radiant 11 Mass Transit Blue Jeans Pale Mums Cattlers Old Farm Bill Portrait of Myrtle Emeralds and Rust Barn Birds Along the Wapac Trail December Light Sentinel	2,800.00 950.00 NFS 1,200.00 600.00 1,200.00 NFS 600.00 2,000.00 450.00 800.00 750.00 1,400.00 500.00 275.00 650.00
55) Anne Sullivan	Marshes	600.00

The exhibition was juried by the New England Watercolor Society.

